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TITLE OF INVENTION: PASSWORD INPUT TABLE CREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND PROGRAM THEREOF

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/750,844

Examiner

Samson B. Lemma

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 12/20/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-14 and 16-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in reply to amendment after a non-final office action, filed **on December 20, 2007**. All independent claims **1, 9, 12** are amended.
2. **Claims 2-3 and 15 are canceled. Thus claims 1, 4-14 and 16-17 are pending/examined.**
3. **Regarding claims 12-14**, applicant successfully overcomes the §101 rejection set forth in the previous office action. Thus the §101 rejection is withdrawn. However the office interprets the “computer readable storage medium” recited in each claims as a “recording medium” such as a semiconductor memory as it is recited on paragraph 0052 of the applicant’s submitted application/publication.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 1, 4-14 and 16-17** are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:
6. **Independent Claims 1, 9 and 12 are allowed for** the following reasons.
7. The reference on the record, namely, Smith discloses each and every limitation of the pervious independent claims.

For instance Referring to the pervious independent claims 1, 9 and 12, the reference on the record, **Smith**

discloses a password input table [See on figure 1, "generating a unique MasterGrid] **creating method for creating a password input table** [Abstract and figure 8] (*A method for securing passwords, personal identification numbers and identifying patterns utilizes a MasterCode camouflaged within a grid which contains all the characters, symbols or pictograms of which the MasterCode is a subset*) **referred to when inputting a password in a computer [figure 4, see column 7, lines 45 and column 8, line 2], the method comprising the steps of:**

- **displaying on a display a creation table having multiple entry fields each of which is to be an input area for one character** [See at least column 7, lines 14-20, "master grid" or figure 1, ref. Num "20"] (*In step 20 a unique MasterGrid is generated. The generation is done in three sub-steps. In sub-step 22 a grid size is selected. While the examples are for square grids, the grid may be an **n by m rectangle** or other shape providing it accommodates one instance of each character in the set from which the MasterCode is drawn*) ;

Entering, in the entry field of the creation table, each of characters composing a password to be inputted into the computer through an interactive process [column 7, lines 49-column 8, line 2] *(After a MasterCode and a MasterGrid is generated and permanently stored within internal memory, the SecureWord computer **permits entry of a numeric sequence. The numeric sequence** is then translated into letters and word list lookup is provided. This lookup then permits the expansion of the letter sequences into words in the word list fitting the aforementioned criteria. These extracted words are then shown on the display allowing the user to make external copies. To decode a SecureWord the user selects the display of the permanently stored MasterGrid on the integral display 94 of the SecureWord computer 90. The user then determines how the MasterCode is embedded into the MasterGrid that is being displayed;)*

Creating a password input table by randomly entering possible characters to be used for a password in entry fields of the creation table which have no character inputted therein [column 2, lines 6-14 and column 5, lines 6-10] *(On column 2, lines 6-14, the following has been disclosed. "In another embodiment the characters from which a MasterCode can be drawn include numbers, symbols and upper and lower case letters. The*

identification of the step in the path by numeric sequence creates a SecureNumber. A typical use would be where 81 keyboard symbols, numbers and letters comprise the larger set; a randomly selected 15 to 20 unique characters comprise the MasterCode group for a given individual; each of the assigned passwords of 4 to 8 characters is **randomly generated** to from the MasterCode.” and Furthermore on Column 5, lines 6-10, the following has also been disclosed. “The SecureWord system allows passwords to be comprised of totally random sequences. If any symbols are used to represent digits in a password, then the system ignores the symbol in locating words and also **randomly inserts** other symbols into other SecureWords in the list, thus masking the relevance of any specific symbol”) ; **and outputting the created password input table [Column 7, lines 66-column 8, line 2) (The user then determines how the MasterCode is embedded into the MasterGrid that is being displayed.)**

However, as applicant persuasively argued the reference on the record namely Smith does not disclose some of the limitation added to the respective independent claims.

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches a method for creating a password input table including the added functional limitation together with the other limitation

recited in the respective independent claims. For this reason, independent claims **1, 9 and 12** are found to be novel and are allowed.

8. The dependent **claims** which are dependent on **independent claims 1, 9 and 12** being further limiting to the independent claim, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am---4:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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03/10/2008

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